

Francisco Flores Ranch House  
(Floresville,) Texas.

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FRANCISCO FLORES RANCH HOUSE  
(Floresville,) Wilson County, Texas.  
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Owner: Mr and Mrs. Carl Mitschie

Date of Erection: 1844

Architect: Don Francisco Flores

Builder: Don Francisco Flores

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Part rock and plaster; part brick; sod roof.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

The Francisco Flores Ranch House is located 1 1/2 miles west of the Corpus Christi-San Antonio Highway near Calaveras and Floresville. The original house built in 1844 was constructed of rock and plaster and had a sod roof. The sod roof was made by first erecting heavy supporting oak rafters and over them placing scolding branches, mud and straw.

The house has front and side porches, the floors of which are concrete, and were probably added about 1880. Square wood columns support the roof. Very seldom do we find porches on the early Spanish houses in this vicinity. The Bohemian, German and Polish settlers introduced this feature to the early dwellings.

The brick part of this house shown in the North and Northwest elevations were additions also to the original Spanish ranch houses, and were added about 1880.

Paneled doors are exceptionally good. The windows are all double hung, and the fireplaces are small, double ones. The original roof has long been replaced by the less picturesque, but more serviceable galvanized iron.

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